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State Penitentiary Board meets  
 afternoon to elect a successor to  
 superintendent. It is said that  
 man James B. Wood, a member  
 Penitentiary Board, is the favorite  
 candidate for the position. We  
 no doubt that Mr. Wood has  
 reasons which would make him  
 able superintendent, but we again  
 the conviction that his election  
 1 be an unfortunate mistake.

Mr. Wood was a member of the  
 State he would be constitutionally  
 disqualified for any office of profit  
 or gift of that body. As a member  
 City Council of Richmond, he is  
 constitutionally disqualified for any  
 office of profit in the gift of that body.  
 He was a member of the State  
 of Charities he would be legally  
 disqualified for any office of profit in  
 gift of that body. These analogies  
 perfect, and they are too strong  
 to be disregarded. As a member of  
 State Penitentiary Board, Mr.  
 Wood is morally disqualified from any  
 office of profit in the gift of this body.  
 The danger of permitting to occupy  
 the position of trustees to  
 themselves into profitable preferment  
 is very plain. Nobody needs to  
 it analyzed for him. The Constitution  
 laid down the broad principle  
 against it, but it very properly  
 it cluttered up with specific prohibitions  
 covering every possible contingency.  
 No, since such a point as  
 is not arisen before, could the  
 legislature be expected to carry out  
 a constitutional principle in complete  
 detail and to govern every board.  
 This particular case the way happens  
 to be legally open, but that is  
 it that can be said for it. To take  
 advantage of the opportunity would  
 be to do an unwise and unsafe thing.  
 Tany comments on the Penitentiary  
 superintendency have appeared in the  
 late newspapers, and so far as we  
 have seen, all of them, with one exception,  
 have been emphatic in the  
 opinion that no member of the board  
 should be considered for the place.

We offer no opposition to Mr. Wood's  
 candidacy as an individual. But we  
 oppose him heartily as a member of  
 the board in whose hands the choice  
 lies. If he is elected, it seems certain  
 that the Legislature will pass a  
 law making such a thing illegal hence-  
 forward. It seems impossible that he  
 should want to accept an office under  
 conditions which make his appointment  
 legal only by accident, and which  
 will promptly bring out legislation  
 making any similar appointment here-  
 after contrary to law.

A UNITED MEDICAL SCHOOL.  
 No news of recent months will be  
 more welcome to Richmond than the  
 announcement that the consolidation of  
 the two medical colleges in this city is  
 now assured. For years those who  
 have had at heart the welfare of Richmond's  
 educational institutions have been  
 dreaming of such a union; for  
 years the people have hoped for a time  
 when so much educational energy  
 would cease to be wasted. Now, it  
 seems, the dream of the educators and  
 the hope of the public are to be realized.

It is needless to rehearse, at this  
 late day, the reasons for uniting the  
 two colleges. The irresistible logic of  
 the situation has long ago converted  
 every unprejudiced observer. New  
 resources will result from new facilities;  
 a reconstructed faculty will mean better  
 teaching; a centering of clinics will  
 bring multiplied clinical material, and  
 an enlarged student body will yield a  
 prestige and influence second to that  
 of no medical college south of Baltimore.

The advantages are manifestly great.  
 The drawbacks are apparently negative.  
 The old obstacles have been removed.  
 Hereafter the greatest obstacle  
 in the way has been the personal  
 wishes of a few men. Some of the  
 instructors in both colleges felt that  
 they would be overshadowed in the  
 union, or that they would be left out  
 of the new faculty. Prestige and not  
 money was what they most feared to  
 lose, since not a half-dozen men in  
 either school receive as much as \$1,500  
 a year for their services. There is  
 now every reason to believe that this  
 spirit has been laid aside by the few  
 that held it, and that the example of  
 Dr. Stuart McGuire will be followed by  
 all. Personal preferences will not be  
 considered when so much general good  
 is at stake. The only other obstacle  
 to consolidation of the schools was  
 the unfortunate prejudice, known to  
 all, which sometimes prevented co-  
 operation between those whose inter-  
 ests were identical. But events of recent  
 months and a just appreciation of  
 each other's merits has made this a  
 part of the past.

Such being the case, the way is open-  
 ing. Liberal terms of agreement, an  
 enthusiastic spirit of conciliation and  
 a just concern for the welfare of all  
 will surely bring about the establish-

ment of a great consolidated medical  
 school here. The people, we believe,  
 will be quick to see the advantages to  
 Richmond from the formation of such  
 a school, and will liberally contribute  
 to put it on its feet financially. While  
 the question is lively in the minds of  
 all, a liberal endowment, enabling the  
 new school to achieve its proper des-  
 tinity, can easily be raised.

RECEIVING A BILLION.  
 "Received of Charles B. Treat, \$1,000,000.00." Such was the docu-

ment that Lee McClung threw across  
 the table to ex-Treasurer Treat Sat-

day afternoon in Washington. One  
 may imagine how the latter official  
 took up his hat in bewilderment and  
 went out, feeling the poorer for the  
 transaction. To be sure, he had lost  
 nothing by the transaction, and Mc-

Clung had personally not gained a  
 penny, but a treasurer could not separate  
 himself from that much money in the  
 coffers without a certain feeling of  
 wishfulness.

This transaction, we are told, be-

tween the outgoing and the incoming  
 treasurers was the largest single deal  
 on record. The triplicate receipt to  
 which Treat put his name represented  
 more money than was ever transferred  
 over a single signature. As the people  
 read the portentous line of digits, many  
 of them doubtless wondered at the  
 wealth of the nation and vaguely mar-

veled what would be done with so  
 vast a store.

As a matter of fact, this sum is  
 small when we recall what it repre-

sents. By no means all of this vol-

ume of gold and silver is available to  
 the government, since it includes the  
 reserve held for funds already in cir-

culation. For example, this amount  
 and the piles of gold and silver in the  
 various treasuries include \$315,000,000  
 held as collateral for the gold cer-

tificates. In the same way, another  
 big slice belongs to the reserve for  
 the silver certificates now in cir-

culation. A third portion includes the  
 bonds held by the government to cover  
 the \$665,538,806 of banknotes now in

use throughout the country. If all of  
 these sums are charged off against the  
 Treasury, it will be found that Mr.  
 McClung is by no means floating in

wealth.

But for all of this, one can con-

ceive how the little army of clerks  
 who spent some six weeks in counting  
 this money and weighing the bullion  
 must have dreamed of gold at night.

One can appreciate how Mr. Treat felt  
 as he went down the Treasury steps  
 with only a sheet of paper to show for  
 his billion dollars.

HOMEY MEN.  
 A lady writer in a magazine seeks  
 to explain the attractions which plain,  
 homely or candidly ugly men are sup-

posed to have for women, especially  
 good-looking women. She makes a  
 shrewd suggestion in opining that  
 lovely females will "brook no rival  
 near the throne and see in a handsome  
 man more or less of a competitor."

Also, of course, she throws out the  
 usual thoughts about the deficiencies,  
 temperamental and otherwise, that are  
 usually woven into the Adam's tail  
 of marriage.

It might be argued with some force  
 that, in point of fact, women in con-

siderable numbers are strangely drawn  
 to the very beauty men which our  
 authority bars. The large, meaning  
 eye, the waving chestnut hair, the  
 peach-cheek, the silky, splendid mus-

tachios still retain for many their old  
 and famous drawing power. But ac-

cepting the "writers' theorem" as  
 sound, we can doubtless find the half-

explanation of it in the feminine  
 adoration of masculine strength. Beauty  
 and strength do not often go hand in

hand in the male. Why, nobody knows  
 except that Nature is niggardly, and  
 rarely gives all she has to any one  
 human being. In the same way beauty  
 and brains do not always go together  
 in the female, though it must be dis-

tinctly understood that we offer this  
 statement on scientific hearsay only,  
 and positively assume no authority for  
 it. Women, says the man in the old

play, "like the masterful type of  
 wooing," and men beautiful can rarely  
 come over with wooing of this sort. It

is said that they are more apt to ogle  
 and plead than to rage and command.

We might venture the general state-

ment that women like in men what  
 ever is most different from their own  
 external nature. Probably the supreme  
 fascination of homely men for them is

that the men are homely and don't  
 care a continental. The difference  
 here is simply dazzling. For if any  
 woman is homely—note that we state  
 this conditionally—she would care more  
 about it than anything else in the  
 world.

A CRITICAL MEETING.  
 In his rousing speech before the  
 Business Men's Association of Manches-

ter and Chesterfield on Friday night,  
 Mr. Augustine Royall declared that "the  
 time has come when the people of  
 Manchester must assert themselves."

He warmly protested against the petti-

fogging tactics which have so far  
 blocked the final steps of a consoli-

dation, declaring their use an insult to  
 the intelligence of the citizens of both  
 cities. More important still, Mr.  
 Royall presented strong resolutions in  
 favor of consolidation, which said in  
 part:

"These considerations . . . should suf-

ficiently impress those having the  
 matter in charge to bring about im-

mediate results; this association protest-

ing most earnestly against the legal  
 technicalities of obstruction that up  
 to this time have prevented the  
 citizens of Manchester from giving an  
 expression of their wishes.

These resolutions were adopted by a  
 vote of thirty-six to one, that no be-

ing an office-holder. The Times-Dis-

patch has more than once urged the  
 people of Manchester, if they seriously  
 desire consolidation, to find a way to

## Borrowed Jingles

THE CLASSMATES.  
 He isn't distinguished, and yet  
 I read about him every day.  
 Medicine, he chances to get  
 newspaper, the paper is sure way;  
 He isn't through genius or craft,  
 But he got a wonderful staff.  
 For he was a classmate of Taft.

In bobs up here, there, everywhere,  
 He isn't distinguished, and yet  
 I read about him every day.  
 Medicine, he chances to get  
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 He isn't through genius or craft,  
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His name came to him all unthought,  
 He never went out of the way  
 To win all his honors to-day;  
 He may be disappointed or poor,  
 But he isn't through genius or craft,  
 But he got a wonderful staff.  
 For he was a classmate of Taft.

Oh, see the grand army that comes  
 From the uttermost parts of the world,  
 With resonant beating of drums,  
 And banners in their folds unfurled;  
 With three-cornered ensigns afloat,  
 With hurrahs and rah-rahs afloat,  
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